

CHILDREN'S NETWORK COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Meeting of the CHILD CARE & PLANNING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE - LEGISLATION

September 22, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jamie Beck, Riverside Child Care Consortium	(909) 248-0015
Linda Drew, Teddy Bear Tymes	(909) 387-0550
Bobbie Edwards, PITC	(626) 524-1829
Billie Houston, UCR Extension	(909) 787-2651
Stephen Martinez, HSS Legislation & Research	(909) 388-0171
Jan Peterson, Riverside Child Care Consortium	(909) 248-0015
Pam Robinson, PITC	
Anthony Rubio, Children's Network	(909) 387-5375

1. Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Rubio welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief background on themselves and their work.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. **Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Information Items:

4. SB1897 Update

Stephen stated that one of the County's main objections to the bill was one of the changes made in conference committees that involved benefits. According to the bill, providers would have the right to negotiate benefits as part of their reimbursement package for child care services rendered. Most importantly, there was no special funding stream proposed for these expenses. Therefore, it is unclear if extra funding would be allocated for these expenses, or if the State contractors would have to use existing funding. This would cause a reduction in the amount of children served.

Jan felt that people do have the right to organize, but there were no provisions to help these people (Family day care providers) understand the overall political

process. There is the potential for unnecessary strikes and labor disputes over issues that could be handled on a different level.

5. 2005 Legislative Breakfast

Jan Peterson and Jaime Beck from the Riverside County Child Care Consortium were invited today to discuss making this annual event a two-County collaboration.

At Anthony's request, Jan gave an overview of past Legislative Breakfasts and their goals. This event has been attended by many local elected officials, including mayors, council people, assemblyman, and more. Their goal is to educate them on important Child Development issues, discuss the problems, and offer possible solutions.

The group felt this was a good opportunity to bring child care issues out and educate our local officials. The group wants to go forward with the planning stages.

Jan suggested that the event be held in Riverside the first year to make the transition easier. She also suggested that the event be held in the opposite County every year after that. She will contact the Riverside Convention Center to setup a meeting to discuss having the breakfast there this year. We'll discuss more details at the next meeting.

6. Other Comments

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting

All future meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at KidsNCare. The meetings will begin at 10am. Therefore, the next meeting will be held on October 19, 2004.

9. Adjournment

minutes submitted by Anthony Rubio